(c) and (d) Whenever a report is received, action is taken under Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, to draw samples for analysis and in suitable cases necessary action for cancellation of licence or for prosecution is taken under Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Besides, samples are also drawn on regular and periodic basis for testing. There are 44 Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories for undertaking chemical analysis of fertilizers with an annual analysing capacity of about 80.000 samples.

Public Distribution System in Delhi

1344. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH MANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption "Capital's PDS on the verge of collapse" in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 18th July, 1988;

(b) if so, whether due to meagre returns the shop owners of the fair price, the owners are not interested to open FPS;

(c) whether to encourage the PDS, Government intends to give more incentives to the FPS owners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Increase in the profit margins to the fair price shops is considered from time to time by Delhi Administration. The Administration has intimated that the profit margins of fair price shop owners has been increased recently in respect of imported edible oils and levy sugar.

Number of Bonded Labourers in the states

1345. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the *Hindustan Times* dated 19th July, 1988 under the caption "2 lakh bonded labourers in 12 States";

(b) whether the 12 State Governments have identified the number of bonded labourers in their respective States;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted their reports to the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The indentification and rehabilitation of bonded labour is monitored by the Central Government on a regular basis under the 20-Point Programme. As per the reports received from the State Governments, 2,35,670 bonded labour have been identified in 12 States upto 31.3.1988. The responsibility for identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour lies with the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has sponsored a scheme of financial assistance to the State Governments to facilitate and speed up the rehabilitation process of released bonded labour. State Governments have also been advised to extend the benefits under the anti-poverty programmes to the released bonded labour. Government has also launched a new scheme on 30th October 1987 for involvement of voluntary agencies in the task of identification and rehabilitation of bonded labour.

Supply of sprinkler under scheme of NABARD

1346. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high power Committee under his Ministry has approved the rate and specifications of sprinkler sets to supply to farmers under subsidy linked loaning scheme of the NABARD;